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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:SHUM, PINT, UG

SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON IMPENDING UGANDAN EXECUTIONS

REF: NAIROBI 11571 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL, BEING REPEATED TO ACTION ADDRESSEES, PROPOSES U.S. ACTION TO INDUCE UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMIN TO REFRAIN FROM CARRYING OUT EXECUTIONS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY OF TWELVE UGANDANS ALLEGED TO HAVE PLOTTED AGAINST AMIN REGIME. AS INDICATED SEPTEL, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES DIRECT U.S. APPROACH TO UGANDA, IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, WOULD NOT

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2. REQUEST THAT YOU APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT HIGHEST LEVEL ON URGENT BASIS TO REQUEST THEIR INTERVENTION WITH

AMIN TO BRING ABOUT AT LEAST POSTPONEMENT AND RECONSIDERATION OF SENTENCES IMPOSED ON CONDEMNED MEN, USING TALKING POINTS THAT FOLLOW.

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CONCERNED ABOUT THE SUMMARY NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST 12 UGANDANS RECENTLY CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR ALLEGED COUP PLOTTING.

--WE BELIEVE THAT EXECUTION OF THE DEATH SENTENCES CONFIRMED BY PRESIDENT AMIN WILL ONLY SERVE TO FURTHER ISOLATE UGANDA FROM THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND WILL LIKELY DISCREDIT AFRICA'S STRONG CASE FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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